

**MINUTES OF THE  
EMERY COUNTY RECREATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT  
April 11, 2016**

Board members present

Troy Winter (At Large)

Commissioner Ethan Migliori

Jerry Price (Clawson)

Brad Giles (At Large)

Scott Labrum (Castle Dale)

Jaclynne Nelson (Green River)

Seth Allred (Elmo)

Travis Tuttle (Orangeville)

Trent Jackson (Ferron)

Commissioner Keith Brady

County Auditor Brenda Tuttle

Mayor Danny VanWagoner

Leslie Bolinder

Julie Jones

Joel Dorsch

Chris Justice

Todd Huntington

John Nielson

Others present

Cindy Draper

Heather Atwood

Jackie Arrington

Lisa Ariotti

Andria LeRoy

Carole Larsen

Emily Nelson

The meeting was called to order by Troy Winter at 6:00 pm.

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes for February 8, 2016. Brad Giles motioned to approve the minutes. Scott Labrum second the motion. The motion passed.
2. Financial report and approval of bills for payment. Jerry Price motioned to approve bills for payment. Seth Allred second the motion. The motion passed.
3. Upcoming events and board member concerns.
  - Ethan Migliori-NA
  - Julie Jones-NA
  - Jerry Price-NA
  - Brad Giles- Thanks for the Easter egg hunt Castle Dale City and Joel Dorsch.
  - Scott Labrum-NA
  - Jaclynne Nelson-Check for Jr. Jazz
  - Seth Allred-NA
  - Troy Winter-NA
  - Travis Tuttle-NA
  - Trent Jackson-NA
4. Discussion on the future of the Recreation District. Troy Winter (Chairman) led the discussion regarding the Recreation Department and thanked everyone that attended. Troy explained that the direction of the Recreation Center is not clear, in the last commissions meeting commissioner Paul Cowley stated that the first

priority for the Recreation District is to pay the county back for the funds that have been loaned to the Recreation Department, due to lack of mineral lease money. If that is the first priority, the Recreation Districts needs to shut their doors, so no more debt is accrued. Leslie Bolinder (Commissioner Secretary) explained why no mineral lease money has been dispersed since August 2015. Leslie stated that when Deer Creek Mine shut down it made the county's mineral lease money drop. The companies that provide minerals, such as Deer Creek, pay royalties on the coal that they produce and they pay that money to the Feds. The Feds collect all the mineral lease money 100%. 50% of the 100% comes back to the state of Utah and 40% comes back to the county. When Deer Creek closed down, they had a contract with the Feds that they paid so much for their royalties and the amount of royalties differ because it is all proprietary information. The amount of money that will be paid out is between the Feds and the company, no way to predict what that amount will be but, they will pay the money up front. The projected amount of money was greater than the amount that was received. The money that was paid upfront was \$800,000 so, the county has been paying that amount back. Brad Giles explained the Recreation Board determined the budget off of the projected amount of mineral lease funds. The mineral lease funds was not dispersed as explained so, the Recreation has not had any money since August. Todd Huntington asked if the county perceived any more mines opening to contribute to the mineral lease funds. Leslie Bolinder said that the county is receiving mineral lease money from Lila Canyon Mine, Rhino Mine and some oil/gas but, only gas that is on federal land. No mineral lease money will come from Bronco Mine, it is on private land. The Recreation Board has cut the budget and are operating on very minimal. Leslie Bolinder projects that the Recreation District will receive \$5,000 a month mineral lease money when mineral lease funds start coming back into the county. A Zap tax was discussed and the process that needs to take place before a Zap tax can be put in place. Jake Atwood (Rec Director) explained that he is starting a new job in August and he will be leaving the Recreation Center.

The Recreation Board feels that they have 3 options:

- Close the doors to the Recreation District and pay the loan back to the County.
- Lay Jake Atwood off in May to save money by not paying his wages, keep Darshell LeRoy employed.
- Keep Jake Atwood employed until after the fair and rodeo, then lay him off. Keep Darshell LeRoy employed.

The Recreation department runs Bear Creek Campground and the Emery County Complex. The Recreation Department does not have the funds or employees to take care of those facilities. The Recreation Board is concerned with how those facilities will be maintained. Heather Atwood asked why the county separates themselves from the Recreation District. Leslie Bolinder explained that by law the Recreation District is independent from the county, when the Recreation created a board it made it independent. The reasons that the Recreation District was created was before any of the current members and staff was present, moving forward we need change. Cindy Draper feels that the county should support the Recreation District because it is the only thing for the kids to do in our county.

Ethan Migliori stated that himself and Keith Brady support the Recreation Department. Seth Allred suggested that maybe the county look into making the Recreation District part of the county, regardless of what was done in the past. The cost of registration prices have gone up \$5.00 for every sport to help cover the cost of insurance. Brenda Tuttle stated that youth sports is not the issue, youth sports is self contained. Todd Huntington stated that the county's general fund is 9 million dollars and the budget for the Recreation Center for 1 full time employee and a part time employee to take care of the county complex is \$91,000. Todd asked why the county can't give the Recreation Department 1% of the county funds. Ethan Migliori explained that the mineral lease money has never been an issue, the Rec has always had money. This is not something that the county has had to deal with in the past. The whole county is trying to deal with the situation as best as they can because it has affected more entities than the Recreation District. Chris Justice explained that the Recreation shouldn't present a budget that does not accomplish what you need it to accomplish. Recreation District should present an adequate budget to the commissions meeting. Lisa Ariotti asked why the county needed to hire an events coordinator, if the Recreation District doesn't have any money? Keith Brady explained that the events coordinator will be funded by the Travel Bureau. The Travel Bureau receives funds for events and the event coordinator's job will be to bring new events into our county. Joel Dorsch explained that the Recreation Center was created to give the kids of the county a quality of life. The question was brought up about the county just giving the Recreation the loaned money. Brenda Tuttle explained that the county is in the middle of their budget cycle and did not plan on loaning the Recreation money. The money can't be given to the Recreation Department because of the structure of the loan, the Recreation and the county can look into making some changes on the loan in the future. The Recreation Board wants to present an adequate budget to the commissions meeting.

5. Citizen Concerns. NA
6. Closed/executive session (as needed) to discuss recreation personnel. The Recreation Board decided the items that needed to be discussed needed to be held in a public meeting. The board decided that they will determine the Recreation Directors position at the next board meeting.
7. Discussion/approval of personnel decisions. NA

Motion by Jerry Price to adjourn the meeting. Seth Allred second the motion. All board members present voted for the motion. The motion passed.